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- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,764,911
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,047,320
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,732,170
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,735,626
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,448,724
- (6) Japan 05-274239
- (7) Japan 05-053954
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- (9) Japan 10-303831
- (10) Japan 07-055494
- (11) Japan 07-021135
- (12) Japan 09-218835
- (13) Japan 2001-043159


English-language abstracts for each of the foregoing Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

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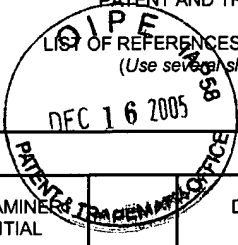
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